

QA-73
Windsor (Site)
Centreville vicinity
Private

18th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Windsor, Kent Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast side White Marsh Road

CITY, TOWN

CentrevilleX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#1

CITY, TOWN

Centreville☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County CourthouseLiber #: TSP 71Folio #: 188

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

QA-73

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Windsor was located on the southeast side of White Marsh Road approximately 1/4 mile east of the intersection with Tanyard Road and four miles northeast of Centreville.

The only records that have survived of the house are two photographs, a plan, and a brief description published by Dr. H.C. Forman in 1956. At that time the house was vacant and in declining condition. It was later demolished. Bricks from the building are said to have been used to construct two wings on a frame house approximately three miles northeast of Centreville on Maryland Route 213. The following description is based on the record published by Forman. For more precise details see Forman, Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens, p. 73, 76, 89, 90.

Windsor was a relatively small brick house, 1 1/2 stories high, five bays wide and two rooms deep, with one flush chimney at each end of the pitched gable roof.

The principal entrance was centered on the front facade, flanked by two 9/9 windows on each side. Two 6/6 pitched roof dormers were located

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

on the second floor. The outline of a handsome barrel vaulted entrance porch is clearly visible in Dr. Forman's photographs, with one plain pilaster with an ornately molded cap to the left of the door. Flemish bond brickwork is visible where the porch was removed. The rest of the brickwork is obscured by whitewash. The eaves on this facade were finished with a large, molded cornice with a Wall-of-Troy dentil course band below the soffit. The entrance door had a transom and paneled jambs.

On the right gable wall, there was one window to the left of the chimney on the first floor and a pair of smaller windows flanking the chimney on the second floor.

Although no photographs have survived of the left gable or the rear facade, Forman's plan allows some description. A door was centered on the rear facade, flanked by two windows to the right and one to the left. On the gable wall, there was one door at the rear and a single window toward the front on the first floor. Most likely there also were windows in the upper gable flanking the chimney.

The interior plan was relatively unusual. The front door opened into a large hall that was three bays across and extended more than half the depth of

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7.2 DESCRIPTION

the house. To the rear of this hall was a separate stair hall, with the stair rising against the rear facade wall to a landing against the gable wall, then turning 180 degrees to rise to the second floor. To the left of the front hall was a relatively large parlor that shared a chimney stack with a smaller dining room to the rear. A door in the gable wall of the dining room evidently led to a detached or separate kitchen.

Dr. Forman describes the interior as quite ornate. There were mantels and overmantels in all four rooms, and paneling on the hall fireplace rising to the ceiling. The remaining three rooms had wainscot paneling up to window sill height. All four rooms had heavily molded cornices, including a dentil course cornice in the hall and a Wall-of-Troy cornice in the stair hall.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens. New York: Bonanza Books, 1956.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/26/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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